Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, chronic and often disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and,

Whereas, Over 400,000 Americans have MS, with over 2,600 people in the Dakota Chapter; and,

Whereas, The prevalence rate for South Dakota is the highest in the United States with 180 people diagnosed with MS for every 100,000 population; and,

Whereas, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, serving people with MS for 60 years, funds research, provides services for people with MS, offers professional education programs, furthers MS advocacy efforts and has invested $460 million to find the cure for MS; and,

Whereas, The National MS Day of Hope is being observed on March 14, 2006; and,

Whereas, Citizens should be made more aware of multiple sclerosis which is the most common neurological disease affecting young to middle-aged adults:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 13-17, 2006, as

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State